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- (iii) at least one colored film-forming base component compatible with components (i) and (ii) and having a Dv.99 of no more than 30 $\mu$ m, and
- (iv) a second uncolored film-forming component having a Dv.99 of more than 20  $\mu$ m and not more than 90  $\mu$ m, that is incompatible with components (i) and (ii) or that becomes incompatible with components (i) and (ii) during film-formation, and optionally one or more other components selected from film-forming and non-film-forming components.

68. (Amended) The powder coating composition of claim 67, the composition has a pigment content that is at least 0.5% by weight and the composition comprises at least 50% by weight of film-forming component(s).

#### REMARKS

Claims 1-68, as amended, are pending in this application for the Examiner's review and consideration. Applicants have amended the claims to conform with U.S. patent practice and to more clearly recite the invention. As no new matter has been added herein, these changes should be entered.

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## Appendix A

### Changes to the Claims

1. (Amended) A powder coating composition comprising [in which] composite powder particles that are an agglomerate of individual particulate components fused or bonded together [into composite particles], wherein the individual particulate components comprise

- (1) two or more colored [coloured] base components having a Dv.99 of no more than 30µm, wherein at least one of the colored base [which] components is [*per se*] non-film-forming and comprises one or more coloring [colouring] agents dispersed in a [suitable] carrier, and
- (2) one or more [uncoloured] uncolored film-forming components, wherein at least one of the uncolored film-forming components is an uncolored film forming component (2a) and (i) has a Dv.99 that is more than 20µm and (ii) has a higher Dv.99 or a higher Dv.50 than the two or more colored [coloured] base components (1) taken together,

wherein, the ratio of colored [coloured] base components to one or more [uncoloured] uncolored film-forming components [component(s)] in the powder coating composition is [being in the range of] from 1:99 to 60:40 by weight.

2. (Amended) [A] The powder coating composition of [as claimed in] claim 1, wherein the one or more uncolored [uncoloured] film-forming [component or] components (2a) are present in an amount of at least 10% by weight of components (1) and (2).

3. (Amended) [A] The powder coating composition of [as claimed in] claim 1 [or claim 2], wherein there is no more than 30% by weight, calculated on the weight of the total of components (1) and (2), of the one or more uncolored [uncoloured] film-forming components [component(s)] having a Dv.99 (i) that is no higher than the Dv.99 of the colored [coloured] base components taken together[,], and (ii) that is less than 20µm.

4. (Amended) A powder coating composition comprising composite [in which] powder particles that are an agglomerate of individual particulate components fused or bonded together into composite particles, wherein the individual particulate components comprise

- (1) two or more colored [coloured] film-forming base components each having a Dv.99 of no more than 30µm, wherein [(at least one of the colored film forming base [which] components is [*per se*] non-film-forming and comprises one or more coloring [colouring] agents dispersed in a [suitable] carrier[] in an amount of from 1 to 60% by weight of the total of components (1) and (2), and
- (2)(a) one or more [uncoloured] uncolored film-forming components each having a Dv.99 of more than 20µm and each having a higher Dv.99 and/or a higher Dv.50 than the colored [coloured] base components (1) taken together, in an amount of from 10 to 99% by weight of the total of components (1) and (2), and, optionally [if desired],
- (b) one or more second uncolored [other uncoloured] film-forming components, in an amount of up to 30% by weight of the total of components (1) and (2).

5. (Amended) [A] The powder coating composition [as claimed in any one] of claim[s] 1 [to 4], wherein [the uncoloured film-forming component or] at least one of the one or more uncolored [uncoloured] film-forming components (2a) has a Dv.99 of no more than 90µm.

6. (Amended) [A] The powder coating composition [as claimed in any one] of claim[s] 1 [to 5], wherein [the uncoloured film-forming component or] at least one of the one or more uncolored [uncoloured] film-forming components (2a) has a Dv.99 of at least 30µm.

7. (Amended) [A] The powder coating composition of [as claimed in] claim 6, wherein [the uncoloured film-forming component or] at least one of the one or more uncolored [uncoloured] film-forming components (2a) has a Dv.99 of at least 35µm.

8. (Amended) [A] The powder coating composition of [as claimed in] claim 7, wherein [the uncoloured film-forming component or] at least one of the one or more uncolored [uncoloured] film-forming components (2a) has a Dv.99 of at least 40µm.

9. (Amended) [A] The powder coating composition of [as claimed in any one of] claim[s] 1 [to 8], wherein [the uncoloured film-forming component or] at least one of the one or more uncolored [uncoloured] film-forming components (2a) has a Dv.90 of at least 14µm.

10. (Amended) [A] The powder coating composition of [as claimed in] claim 9, wherein [the uncoloured film-forming component or] at least one of the one or more uncolored [uncoloured] film-forming components (2a) has a Dv.90 of at least 18µm.

11. (Amended) [A] The powder coating composition [as claimed in any one] of claim[s] 1 [to 10], wherein [the uncoloured film-forming component or] at least one of the one or more uncolored [uncoloured] film-forming components (2a) has a Dv.90 of no more than 75µm.

12. (Amended) [A] The powder coating composition [as claimed in any one] of claim[s] 8 [to 11], wherein [the uncoloured film-forming component or] at least one of the one or more uncolored [uncoloured] film-forming components (2a) has a Dv.99 in the range of from 50 to 65µm.

13. (Amended) [A] The powder coating composition [as claimed in any one] of claim[s] 1 [to 12], wherein [the uncoloured film-forming component or] at least one of the one or more uncolored [uncoloured] film-forming components (2a) has a Dv.50 in the range of from 5 to 45µm.

14. (Amended) [A] The powder coating composition of [as claimed in] claim 13, wherein [the uncoloured film-forming component or] at least one of the one or more uncolored [uncoloured] film-forming components (2a) has a Dv.50 of at least 8µm.

15. (Amended) [A] The powder coating composition of [as claimed in] claim 14, wherein [the uncoloured film-forming component or] at least one of the one or more uncolored [uncoloured] film-forming components (2a) has a Dv.99 of at least 40µm and a Dv.50 of at least 10µm

16. (Amended) [A] The powder coating composition of [as claimed in] claim 14 [or claim 15], wherein [the uncoloured film-forming component or] at least one of the one or more uncolored [uncoloured] film-forming components (2a) has a Dv.50 in the range of from 12 to 30µm.

17. (Amended) [A] The powder coating composition [as claimed in any one] of claim[s] 1 [to 16], wherein the colored [coloured] film-forming base components have a Dv.99 in the range of from 6 to 25µm.

18. (Amended) [A] The powder coating composition [as claimed in any one] of claim[s] 1 [to 17], wherein the colored [coloured] base components have a Dv.50 of no more than 18µm.

19. (Amended) [A] The powder coating composition of [as claimed in] claim 18, wherein the colored [coloured] base components have a Dv.50 of no more than 15µm.

20. (Amended) [A] The powder coating composition of [as claimed in] claim 19, wherein the colored [coloured] base components have a Dv.50 in the range of from 2 to 12µm.

21. (Amended) [A] The powder coating composition [as claimed in any one] of claim[s] 1 [to 20], wherein the colored [coloured] base components contain [in total] from 5 to 75 weight % of pigment, calculated on the total weight of [(2a)] the colored base [those] components.

22. (Amended) [A] The powder coating composition [as claimed in any one] of claim[s] 1 [to 21], wherein the colored [coloured] base components contain [in total] from 0.5 to 50 weight % of pigment, calculated on the total weight of the composition.

23. (Amended) [A] The powder coating composition [as claimed in any one] of claim[s] 1 [to 22], wherein the colored [coloured] base components comprises [include] at least one colored [coloured] film-forming component that is compatible with the colored [coloured] non-film-forming base component(s).

24. (Amended) [A] The powder coating composition of [as claimed in] claim 23, wherein [the uncoloured film-forming component (2a) or] at least one of the [uncoloured] uncolored film-forming components (2) [listed under (2a) and (2b)] is compatible with the colored [coloured] base components (1) during film-formation.

25. (Amended) [A] The powder coating composition of [as claimed in] claim 23 [or claim 24], wherein [the uncoloured film-forming component (2a) or] at least one of the [uncoloured] uncolored film-forming components [listed under (2a) and (2b)] is incompatible with the colored [coloured] base component(s) (1) or becomes incompatible therewith during film-formation.

26. (Amended) [A] The powder coating composition of [as claimed in any one of] claim[s] 1 [to 25 claim 20], wherein at least one of the two or more colored [coloured] film-forming components [component(s)] comprises a polyester.

27. (Amended) [A] The powder coating composition [as claimed in any one] of claim[s] 1 [to 26], comprising [which includes] two [uncoloured] uncolored film-forming components, wherein one of the uncolored film forming components [that] is compatible with the colored [coloured] base components and one of the uncolored film forming components [that] is incompatible with [therewith] or [that] becomes incompatible [therewith] during film-formation with the colored base components.

28. (Amended) [A] The powder coating composition [as claimed in any one] of claim[s] 1 [to 27], wherein [the uncoloured film-forming component or] at least one of the one or more uncolored [uncoloured] film-forming components comprises a polyester.

29. (Amended) [A] The powder coating composition of [as claimed in] claim 28 [27], wherein each of the [uncoloured] uncolored film-forming components comprises a polyester, wherein the polyesters differing in functionality.

30. (Amended) [A] The powder coating composition [as claimed in any one] of claim[s] 26 [to 29], comprising [which includes] two polyester film-forming components containing different curing agents, wherein one of the curing agents is [those being] an epoxy curing agent or a co-reactable epoxy resin.

31. (Amended) [A] The powder coating composition [as claimed in any one] of claim[s] 4 [1 to 30], wherein the [which includes an uncoloured] uncolored film-forming component (2) [(2a) or (2b) which] is [itself] an agglomerate of an [uncoloured] one or more uncolored film-forming component fused or bonded with a non-film-forming component to form composite particles [with a non-film-forming component].

32. (Amended) [A] The powder coating composition [as claimed in any one] of claim[s] [1 to] 31, wherein the one or more uncolored film-forming component (2) [(2a) or (2b)] further comprises [includes] a texturing additive that is agglomerated with the uncolored film-forming component.

33. (Amended) [A] The powder coating composition of [as claimed in] claim 31, wherein the agglomerated uncolored film-forming component (2) [(2a) or (2b)] further comprises [includes] mica.

34. (Amended) [A] The powder coating composition [as claimed in any one] of claim[s] 1 [to 33], wherein the ratio of the two or more colored [coloured] film-forming base

components (1) to one or more Dv uncolored [uncoloured] film-forming components [component(s)] (2a) is in the range of from 1:99 to 50:50 by weight.

35. (Amended) [A] The powder coating composition of [as claimed in] claim 34, wherein the ratio of the two or more colored [coloured] film-forming base components (1) to the one or more uncolored [uncoloured] film-forming components [component(s)] (2a) is in the range of from 1:99 to 40:60 by weight.

36. (Amended) [A] The powder coating composition of [as claimed in] claim 35, wherein the ratio of the two or more colored [coloured] film-forming base components (1) to the one or more uncolored [uncoloured] film-forming components [component(s)] (2a) is in the range of from 1:99 to 30:70 by weight.

37. (Amended) [A] The powder coating composition [as claimed in any one] of claim[s] 1 [to 36], wherein the ratio of the two or more colored [coloured] film-forming base components (1) to the one or more uncolored [uncoloured] film-forming components [component(s)] (2[a]) is in the range of from 5:95 to 30:70.

38. (Amended) [A] The powder coating composition [as claimed in any one] of claim[s] 1 [to 37], wherein the one or more uncolored [uncoloured] film-forming [component or] components (2) are present in an amount of at least 50% by weight of the total of components (1) and (2).

39. (Amended) [A] The powder coating composition of [as claimed in] claim 38, wherein the one or more uncolored [uncoloured] film-forming [component or] components (2) are present in an amount of at least 60% by weight of the total of components (1) and (2).

40. (Amended) [A] The powder coating composition of [as claimed in] claim 39, wherein the one or more uncolored [uncoloured] film-forming [component or]



components (2) are present in an amount of at least 70% by weight of the total of components (1) and (2).

41. (Amended) [A] The powder coating composition [as claimed in any one] of claim[s] 2 [to 40], wherein the one or more uncolored [uncoloured] film-forming [component or] components (2a) are present in an amount of at least 20% by weight of the total of components (1) and (2).

42. (Amended) [A] The powder coating composition of [as claimed in] claim 41, wherein the one or more uncolored [uncoloured] film-forming [component or] components (2a) are present in an amount of at least 30% by weight of the total of components (1) and (2).

43. (Amended) [A] The powder coating composition of [as claimed in] claim 42, wherein the one or more uncolored [uncoloured] film-forming [component or] components (2a) are present in an amount of at least 40% by weight of the total of components (1) and (2).

44. (Amended) [A] The powder coating composition of [as claimed in] claim 43, wherein the one or more uncolored [uncoloured] film-forming [component or] components (2a) are present in an amount of at least 50% by weight of the total of components (1) and (2).

45. (Amended) [A] The powder coating composition of [as claimed in] claim 44, wherein the one or more uncolored [uncoloured] film-forming [component or] components (2a) are present in an amount of at least 60% by weight of the total of components (1) and (2).

46. (Amended) [A] The powder coating composition [as claimed in any one] of claim[s] 1 [to 45], wherein there is no more than 15% by weight, calculated on the weight [of total] of components (1) and (2), of the one or more uncolored [uncoloured] film-forming components [component(s)] (2b).

47. (Amended) [A] The powder coating composition [as claimed in any one] of claim[s] 1 [to 46], wherein the individual particulate components of the agglomerate further comprise [include] one or more other non-film-forming components [(3)].

48. (Amended) [A] The powder coating composition of [as claimed in] claim 1 [47], wherein the individual particulate components of the agglomerate further comprise [include] a texturing agent [(3)].

49. (Amended) [A] The powder coating composition of [as claimed in] claim 47 [or claim 48], wherein the one or more other non-film-forming [component or] components constitute up to 50% by weight of the total particulate components of the composition.

50. (Amended) A kit [comprising the following separate particulate components for agglomerating into powder coating compositions] for the preparation of powder coatings in a number of different [colours] colors comprising:

- [●] a plurality of colored [coloured] base components, each with a Dv.99 of no more than 30µm, wherein at least one of the colored base components [which components] is [*per se*] non-film-forming and comprises one or more coloring [colouring] agents dispersed in a [suitable] carrier, and
- [●] one or more [uncoloured] uncolored film-forming components each having a higher Dv.99 [and/]or a higher Dv.50 than the colored base components, and a [each] Dv.99 that is greater than [being more than] 20µm.

51. (Amended) The [A] kit of [as claimed in] claim 50, wherein [the uncoloured film-forming component or] at least one of the [uncoloured] uncolored film-forming components has a Dv.99 of no more than 90µm.

52. (Amended) The [A] kit of [as claimed in] claim 50 [or claim 51], comprising [which includes] at least 7 differently colored [coloured] base components.

53. (Amended)      The [A] kit [as claimed in any one] of claim[s] 50 [to 52,] comprising [which includes] an [uncoloured] uncolored film-forming component that is compatible during film-formation with the colored [coloured] base components[,], and an [uncoloured] uncolored film-forming component that is incompatible with the colored [coloured] base components or that becomes incompatible with the colored base components [therewith] during film-formation.

54. (Amended)      A kit [comprising the following separate components for the manufacture of agglomerated powder coating compositions] for the preparation of powder coatings in a number of different colors [colours] comprising:

- [●] at least 7 differently colored [coloured] base components, at least one of which [components] is [*per se*] non-film-forming and comprises one or more colouring agents dispersed in a suitable carrier,
- [●] an [uncoloured] uncolored film-forming component that is compatible with the colored [coloured] base components and remains compatible during film-formation and [that has] having a Dv.99 of more than 20µm [and no] but not more than 90µm, and
- [●] an [uncoloured] uncolored film-forming component that is incompatible with the colored [coloured] base components or that becomes incompatible with the colored base components [therewith] during film-formation[,], and [that has] having a Dv.99 of more than 20µm [and no] but not more than 90µm.

55. (Amended)      The [A] kit of [as claimed in] claim 54, further comprising [which includes] means for comminution of the colored [coloured] base components to a powder having Dv.99 of not [no] more than 30µm.

56. (Amended)      The [A] kit [as claimed in any one] of claim[s] 50 [to 55, wherein the different components are as specified in any one of claims 2 to 33 and 47 to 49] wherein the one or more uncolored film-forming components are present in an amount of at least 10% by weight of the colored base components and one or more uncolored film-forming components.

57. (Amended)      The [A] kit [as claimed in any one] of claim[s] 50 [to 56], comprising [which includes] at least 3 [uncoloured] uncolored film-forming components.

58. (Amended)      The [A] kit [as claimed in any one] of claim[s] 50 [to 57], further comprising [which includes] means for agglomerating the components to produce a fluidisable powder.

59. (Amended)      A process for [the preparation of] preparing the [a] powder coating composition [as claimed in any one] of claim[s] 1 [to 49], comprising [which comprises] providing the [specified] two or more colored [coloured] base components (1) and the one or more [specified uncoloured] uncolored film-forming components (2a) [and if desired one or more other components selected from other film-forming components (2b) and other non-film-forming components (3), in the specified proportion,] to provide a mixture of components and mixing and agglomerating the mixture of components into composite particles, wherein [such that] the composite particles are [composition is] air-fluidisable and can be applied to a substrate by electrostatic spray.

60. (Amended)      A process for preparing the [the preparation of a] powder coating composition of [as claimed in] claim 1 from a kit comprising a plurality of differently colored [coloured] base components, wherein at least one of [which] the colored base components is [*per se*] non-film-forming and comprises one or more [colouring] coloring agents dispersed in a [suitable] carrier, and one or more [uncoloured] uncolored film-forming components having a Dv.99 of more than 40µm, which comprises comminuting at least two of the colored [coloured] base components to provide powders having a Dv.99 of no more than 30µm, and mixing and agglomerating the two or more comminuted colored [coloured] base components and at least one of the [specified uncoloured] uncolored film-forming components [having a Dv.99 or a Dv.50 higher than the Dv.99 or Dv.50 respectively of the comminuted base components taken together, in the proportions specified in claim 1] to form composite particles, wherein [such that] the composite particles are [composition is] air-fluidisable and can be applied to a substrate by electrostatic spray.

61. (Amended) A powder coating composition [when] prepared by the [a] process of [as claimed in] claim 59 [or claim 60].

62. (Amended) A process for forming a coating on a substrate, comprising [which comprises] applying the [an] agglomerated composition [as claimed in any one] of claim[s] 1 [to 49 or claim 61] to a substrate[,], and heating the applied composition to form a continuous coating.

63. (Amended) A substrate coated by the [a] process [as claimed in] of claim 62.

64. (Amended) A powder coating composition, comprising [in which powder particles are] an agglomerate of individual particulate components that are fused or bonded together into composite particles, wherein the individual particulate components comprise a first film-forming component, a colored [coloured] non-film-forming base component having a Dv.99 of no more than 30µm and comprising one or more colouring agents dispersed in a suitable carrier, and optionally [if desired] one or more other components selected from film-forming and non-film-forming components.

65. (Amended) The [A] powder coating composition of [as claimed in] claim 64, wherein the first film-forming component is [uncoloured] uncolored.

66. (Amended) The [A] powder coating composition of [as claimed in] claim 65, wherein the [uncoloured] uncolored film-forming component has a Dv.99 that is more than 20µm and no not more than 90µm and is higher than the Dv.99 of the colored [coloured] non-film-forming base component.

67. (Amended) A powder coating composition, comprising [in which powder particles are] an agglomerate of individual particulate components fused or bonded together into composite particles, wherein the individual particulate components comprise:

- (i) at least one [a] colored [coloured] non-film-forming base component, wherein the at least one colored film forming base component has [having] a Dv.99 of no more than

30µm and comprises [comprising] one or more [colouring] coloring agents dispersed in a [suitable] carrier, [or two or more such components,] and

- (ii) an [uncoloured] uncolored film-forming component compatible with component (i), wherein the uncolored film forming component has [and having] a Dv.99 that is more than 20µm and [no] not more than 90µm, and [tha]t is higher than the Dv.99 of the at least one colored non-film-forming base component (i) [or, when there is more than one such component, of those components taken together, or two or more such components], and, optionally [if desired],
- (iii) [a] at least one colored [coloured] film-forming base component compatible with components (i) and (ii) and having a Dv.99 of no more than 30µm[, or two or more such components], and[/or]
- (iv) [an] a second [uncoloured] uncolored film-forming component having a Dv.99 of more than 20 µm and [no] not more than 90 µm, that is incompatible with components (i) and (ii) or that becomes incompatible with components (i) and (ii) [therewith] during film-formation, and optionally one or more other components selected from film-forming and non-filmforming components.

68. (Amended) The [A] powder coating composition of [as claimed in] claim 67, the composition has a [wherein the] pigment content [of the composition] that is at least 0.5% by weight and the composition comprises at least 50% by weight of film-forming component(s).